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SUBJ: PROTECTIVE SECURITY KHARTOUM - ANONYMOUS WARNING

RECEIVED BY EMBASSY

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SUMMARY: ANONYMOUS TELEPHONED WARNING THAT QUOTE FEDAYEEN
COMING UNQUOTE RECEIVED BY EMBASSY AFTERNOON OF 5 APRIL RESULTING
IN IMMEDIATE INCREASE OF POLICE GUARDS, ADDED VIGILANCE BY
AMERICAN PERSONNEL.

1. AT 1408 HOURS, 5 APRIL, FSLE SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR AT EMBASSY
RECEIVED CALL FROM OUTSIDE LINE IN SUDANESE ARABIC. CONVERSATION
PROCEEDED AS FOLLOWS: OPERATOR: AMERICAN EMBASSY. CALLER: THEY
ARE COMING. OPERATOR: WHO IS COMING? CALLER: THE ARABS. OPERATOR:
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THE ARABS ARE COMING? CALLER: THE FEDAYEEN.
CALLER THEN HUNG UP.

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WM INTERVIEWED BY RSO, OPERATOR SAID VOICE DEFINITELY SUDANESE, WITHOUT FOREIGN ACCENT OR DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS, EXCEPT HE WAS CERTAIN IT WAS A YOUNG MAN. NO BACKGROUND NOISE OF ANY SORT. CALLER SPOKE SLOWLY AND DELIBERATELY, VOICE SOUNDED CALM. OPERATOR SAID THAT PRIOR TO 1971 COUP HE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CALLS OF HARASSING NATURE BUT THIS WAS FIRST UNUSUAL CALL SINCE THAT TIME. OPERATOR ALREADY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO PROLONG CONVERSATION WHEN CRANK CALLS DISCOUNTED THE REASON THAT SADAT HIMSELF HAD GIVEN, NAMELY THAT THE MOSCOW SUMMIT HAD CONVEYED TO HIM THAT SINCE US AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS HAD AGREED NOT TO CONFRONT EACH OTHER OVER REGIONAL DISPUTES, THE SOVIET MILITARY PRESENCE IN EGYPT WAS NOT AN ASSET IN EGYPT'S EFFORTS TO GET ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW.

4. ADHAM SAID THAT SADAT HAD MISPLAYED THE MOVE BY NOT GETTING ANYTHING FOR IT; THE SAUDIS, INCLUDING ADHAM HIMSELF, HAD EXPECTED AND ADVISED HIM TO WORK A TRADE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF IMPRESSION SAUDIS HAD GAINED IN WASHINGTON OF IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHED TO SOVIET PRESENCE IN EGYPT.

5. ADHAM CONTINUED THAT IN RESPONSE TO WHAT THEY THOUGHT HAD BEEN THE US ADMINISTRATION'S WISH, "WE" (ARABS) HAD HELD OFF BREAKING THE CEASEFIRE IN THE PERIOD BEFORE THE 1972 ELECTIONS; NOW "WE ARE WONDERING WHAT WE HAVE TO SHOW" FOR RESTRAINT. THIS FACTOR WEIGHS IN SADAT'S CALCULATIONS AS WELL AS IN THE CALCULATIONS OF THOSE WHO STILL COUNSEL RESTRAINT-- AMONG THEM, ACCORDING TO ADHAM, KING FEISAL AND HIS GOVERNMENT.

6. ADHAM ARGUED THAT ONE DIMENSION OF THE SITUATION, IN WHICH SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS-- INCLUDING THE US-- CAN HELP BROADEN SADAT'S PEACEFUL OPTIONS, IS THE ECONOMIC. IF SADAT COULD SOMEHOW INCREASE EGYPT'S OWN EARNINGS, ESPECIALLY IN HARD CURRENCY, AND DILUTE THE TIES TO THE SOVIET ECONOMY, HE WOULD BE BETTER PLACED TO DEAL WITH HIS DOMESTIC POLITICAL AND MILITARY PROBLEMS. THE SUMED PIPELINE PROJECT WOULD BE ONE WAY TO PURSUE THIS; ADHAM'S VIEWS ON THIS PROSPECT ARE ELABORATED IN SEPTEL.

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